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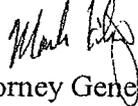
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MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF DEPARTMENT COMPONENTS

FROM: Mark Filip 
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SUBJECT: Advisory Council on Tribal Justice Issues

The United States has a unique relationship with Indian tribes that gives rise to broad federal responsibilities in Indian country. Because the activities impacting Indian Country involves many of the diverse policy and practice areas of the Department, those responsibilities are carried out by a number of different components within the Department. For reasons of consistency and resource allocation, it is important that the actions of the various components be coordinated. To this end, I am establishing an Advisory Council on Tribal Justice Issues. This Council will meet periodically to review and discuss issues and major actions affecting the Department's work in Indian country.

The Council will include components consistently involved in Indian country activities. Components with episodic Indian country activities will be invited as appropriate. In addition to the Office of the Deputy Attorney General and the Office of Tribal Justice, the standing Council will include:

The Office of the Associate Attorney General;
The Office of the Solicitor General;
The Executive Office for United States Attorneys;
The Federal Bureau of Investigation;
The Drug Enforcement Administration;
The Office of Justice Programs;
The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services;
The Office on Violence Against Women;
The Environment and Natural Resources Division;
The Civil Rights Division;
The Office of Legal Policy; and
The Office of Legislative Affairs.

The Office of Tribal Justice will work with my staff to develop an agenda for the meeting. If your component has not been included on the Council, but believe you should be, please contact the Office of Tribal Justice. You will be contacted within the next two weeks with the date and time for the first meeting.